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SUBJECT: ROMANOV'S SPEECH AT 25TH PARTY CONGRESS

1. LENINGRAD OBLAST' PARTY FIRST SECRETARY G. V. ROMANOV'S SPEECH AT 25TH PARTY CONGRESS IS ARTFUL RECAP OF PERCEIVED SUCCESSES OF LENINGRAD PARTY ORGANIZATION. HE PAID HOMAGE TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF ENDEAVOR, E.G. CONCENTRATION/SPECIALIZATION OF PRODUCTION, TECHNICAL REFITTING OF LEADING ENTERPRISES, SUCCESSES OF SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF LENINGRAD'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 10TH FIVE YEAR PLAN PERIOD. ROMANOV'S ENUMERATION OF SUCCESSES ALSO INCLUDED USUAL PRAISE OF STEPS TAKEN TO INSURE SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR YOUTH, COMPLETION OF NUCLEAR ICEBREAKERS ARKTIKA AND SIBIR', IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE LIKE. ON DEBIT SDDE, ROMANOV RAPPED THE WORK OF SOME SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS FOR CAUSING APPRECIABLE LOSSES.

2. ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ROMANOV NOTED THE "UNCONCEALED MALICE OF CERTAIN IMPERIALIST CIRCLES" TOWARD THE GROWING INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE SOVIET STATE AND THE WORK OF WESTERN PROPAGANDA ORGANS CONDUCTED IN A COLD WAR SPIRIT. ROMANOV
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WHO SEEK TO USE ECONOMIC TIES AS WEAPON OF POLITICAL PRESSURE AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND NOTED THAT PROCESS OF DETENTE STRENGTHENS CONFRONTATION IN AREA OF IDEOLOGY. ROMANOV SAID LENINGRAD COMMUNISTS SEE TASK OF USING ALL MEANS TO RAISE IDEOLOGICAL ARMING OF WORKERS AND, ABOVE ALL, YOUTH FOR STRUGGLE WITH VIEWS AND THEORIES HOSTILE TO COMMUNISM.

3. CONGEN NOTES THAT ROMANOV'S PRINTED SPEECH CONTAINED 18 NOTATIONS OF APPLAUSE, EXCEEDED ONLY BY THAT OF KUNAYEV (25), AND AHEAD OF GRISHIN (8), SHCHERBITSKIY (17), MASHEROV (9), SOLOMENTSEV (15), AND MINER DROZDETSKIY (15).
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